

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

November 14, 2013

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 pm in the upstairs conference room 1 of the North Haven Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, CT.

Members Present

First Selectman, Michael J. Freda

Second Selectman, Timothy M. Doheny

Third Selectman, Alan J. Sturtz

Mr. Freda introduced himself and Selectmen Timothy Doheny and Alan Sturtz and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mr. Freda asked if there were any public comments relative to the agenda, being none, Mr. Doheny motioned to approve the minutes from the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of October 3, 2013 with a second by Mr. Sturtz.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz - Yes

There being no correspondence, Mr. Freda and Mr. Doheny thanked Mr. Sturtz for his time on the Board as Third Selectman. They presented him with a plaque expressing their appreciation. Mr. Sturtz thanked the Board and residents and made several comments pertaining to his service and the Town of North Haven.

Mr. Freda provided a verbal update on several subjects during his Selectman's Overview.

- 297 State Street, press release due regarding two new tenants leasing half the space.
- Marlin Building has been sold, major announcement coming in the spring.
- Appreciation to Rich LoPresti as Chairman of the Economic Development Commission for his efforts.
- 117 Washington Avenue – North Haven Shopping Center redesign on the right hand side of the plaza beginning with Rockville Bank. Additional improvements to follow.
- The high end animal surgical center on Devine Street is expected to open later this month. Only one of three in the state of Connecticut. Fully taxable for the Town. The third medical building on Devine Street will be following.
- The 55 and over housing project on State Street is moving forward. The ground has broken and hope to have it completed by 2015 or sooner.
- This entire area will help to jump start the grand list. We are also on the map for a train station in this area. Hoping to get federal funding.
- North Haven has been ranked nine out of 169 towns as one of the top 10 towns in Connecticut for raising a family.

Mr. Freda then explained that State Senator Len Fasano, State Representative Dave Yaccarino along with Legion Post 76 Commander Dan Riccio and 1st Vice Commander Charlie Morrissey and Mr. Fowler have been working together to install a monument on the Town Green to honor post-Vietnam Veterans. Mr. Fowler then addressed the Board explaining the goals and objectives of the committee along with detailing the criteria for identifying the veterans for eligibility and making sure that the process is fair to all. The

Board thanked Mr. Fowler for his hard work on this project.

Mr. Sturtz read the following resolution.

RESOLVED, that the Town of North Haven, through its Board of Selectmen, does acknowledge that a Public Information Meeting was conducted on November 2, 2011, and after consideration of input received does support the advancement of design and subsequent construction of the Valley Service Road Extension Utilizing Funding from the Federal High Priority Projects Program, otherwise identified as State Project 100-174, be, and hereby is, approved.

Following Mr. Freda's explanation of the resolution, Mr. Doheny motioned the approval of the resolution seconded by Mr. Sturtz.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz - Yes

The Board then proceeded with the board and commission appointments. Mr. Sturtz motioned, and Mr. Doheny seconded the appointment of Vincenzo Gallo, Esq.(R), 168 Upper State Street, North Haven, CT to the Quinnipiack Valley Health Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of Audrey McClure to expire May 1, 2015.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz - Yes

Mr. Doheny motioned, and Mr. Sturtz seconded the appointment of Keri Kennealy (U), 36 Pool Road, North Haven from an alternate to a full seat on the Board of Ethics to fill the unexpired term of Philip DiPeri to expire December 31, 2015.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz - Yes

Mr. Doheny motioned, and Mr. Sturtz seconded the appointment of Peter Fuhrmann(R), 106 Mountain View Terrace, North Haven from an alternate to a full seat on Building Board of Appeals to fill unexpired term of Rollin M. Hickcox term to expire December 31, 2016.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz - Yes

Mr. Doheny motioned, and Mr. Sturtz seconded the appointment of Mark Kornacki (U), 40 Whitney Ridge Terrace, North Haven to the Housing Board to fill the unexpired term of Mary Sacco term to expire December 31, 2016.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz – Yes

Mr. Sturtz motioned the approval of the following bond release, seconded by Mr. Doheny.

- 328 Bassett Road – Quinnipiac University, release the balance of the bond in the amount of \$7,500 with the recommendation of the Inland Wetlands Commission.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz – Yes

Mr. Doheny motioned the approval of the following bond releases, seconded by Mr. Sturtz.

- 6 Devine Street (Gaylord Wellness Center) – The Casle Corporation release the entire bond balance in the amount of \$250,000 with the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission.
- 2 Broadway (Broadway Square) – Gary Richetelli, release the entire bond balance in the amount of \$10,000.00 with the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission.

- 2 Broadway – Broadway Medical Associates, Inc., release \$89,000.00 of the \$90,000.00 bond balance with the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission.
- 1934 Hartford Turnpike – LJC Realty, LLC., release the entire bond balance in the amount of \$5,000.00 with the recommendation of Planning & Zoning Commission.
- 1405-1415 Hartford Turnpike – DonMar Development, release \$130,000.00 of the \$230,000.00 bond balance with the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz – Yes

Mr. Doheny motioned the approval of the following property tax refunds, seconded by Mr. Sturtz.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz – yes

- Allen, Denise, 100 State Street, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$287.69.
- Astrazenca LP, 666 Garland Place, Des Plaines, IL 60016 in the amount of \$200.70.
- Balga, Laura of Thomas, 107 Summer Lane, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$60.13 and in the amount of \$29.50
- Daimler Trust, Box 685, Roanoke, TX 76262 in the amount of \$507.68, and in the amount of \$64.27.
- DJ Sause Trucking Inc., 20 Corey Road, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$105.94.
- Financial Sr Veh Trust, 5550 Britton Parkway, Hilliard, OH 43026 in the amount of \$89.53, and in the amount of \$167.54, and in the amount \$156.01, and in the amount of \$207.83, and in the amount of \$354.68, and in the amount of \$369.51, and in the amount of \$312.05, and in the amount of \$279.46, and in the amount of \$337.91, and in the amount of \$656.69.
- Foraker, Billie, 101 Bailey Road, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$25.96.
- GMAC, Ally Financial, Louisville PC, PO Box 9001951, Louisville, KY 40290 in the amount of \$359.03, and in the amount of \$255.79.
- Grasso, Nicholas III, 903 W. 19th Avenue, Apache Junction, AZ 85120 in the amount of \$53.31.
- Palmisano, Philip or Alice, 39 Fallon Drive, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$76.43.
- Toyota Lease Trust, Box 105386, Atlanta, GA 30348 in the amount of \$577.20.
- Toyota Motor Credit Corp, 260 Interstate N C 12F, Atlanta, GA 30339 in the amount of \$30.57, and in the amount of \$343.30, and in the amount of \$121.96.
- Upton, Christopher and Christina, 31 George Street, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$79.62.
- USB Leasing, 1850 Osborn Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54902 in the amount of \$548.79.
- Vault Trust, Ally Financial Louisville PC, PO Box 9001951, Louisville, KY 40290 in the amount of \$166.83 and in the amount \$208.89.
- Wells Fargo Bank, C/O Thomson Reuters, PO Box 2609, Carlsbad, CA 92018 in the amount of \$243.90, and in the amount of \$381.64.
- Wheels LT, 666 Garland Place, Des Plaines, IL 60016 in the amount of \$75.48, and in the amount of \$175.18, and in the amount of \$229.61, and in the amount of \$257.70.

Mr. Freda stated that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is on Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the North Haven Memorial

Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT.

Mr. Freda then asked if there was any Public Comment.

Gary Amato, Pool Road, inquired about the \$2,000 tax office incident and remarked that he went to the Police Department to get the report but was denied until the audit is completed. Mr. Freda stated that the audit is completed but we are just waiting for the letter from the auditors next month. Mr. Amato then inquired about tax incentives for businesses and Mr. Freda's mention of same in a recent article. He would like more public discussion before anything is decided. Mr. Freda stated that we lost Amazon due to the fact that there are other towns in Connecticut that provide tax incentives. He would like to bring it to a town meeting presenting to the public the advantages for providing these incentives. He also explained the various parameters that may be considered. Mr. Amato also inquired about the recent problems that Hamden is having with Quinnipiac students and hopes that we will not have similar issues. Mr. Freda stated that he feels that our plan to provide post graduate student housing on Northern Washington Avenue will be a suitable solution to that potential problem, as well as the fact that because these are post graduate students the likely hood of those types of problems is reduced. Mr. Amato concluded with the request that the board members of the middle school building committee sit together at the biweekly meetings. Mr. Freda agreed that was a reasonable suggestion and would speak to the Chairman, about it.

Raymond Sonazzaro, Elm Street, brought up several issues, regarding the middle school, Valley Service Road and his disagreement with the plans to connect to Washington Avenue, and his feelings about the fire houses being too close to the neighboring structure.

Mr. Amato asked if at the Middle School Building Committee meetings the public comment be added to the minutes. He would like them to be included. Mr. Freda stated we would look into it.

Mr. Steve Nugent of the Historical Society inquired if there were any plans to demolish the structure next to the Fire House. Mr. Freda stated there were no plans at this time to do so. Mr. Nugent stated that the Society is working on a deferred maintenance list for several of the historical buildings such as the Martha Culver House and Cultural Building. Mr. Freda agreed that we can't have these buildings in disrepair. We applied for a center block grant, but did not get it. We will have to look at some type of phase in. Steve also mentioned that they would welcome any input from residents and anyone interested in participating on the Historical Society is welcome.

Mr. Sherman Katz asked Mr. Freda for the percentage of voters who voted in the recent election and the last referendum. Mr. Freda replied and Mr. Katz inquired as to the difference and if the reason could be the one polling place vs. the five polling places. Mr. Katz noted the Mr. Freda is heavily involved in all facets of the town government and what would happen if Mr. Freda was not able to perform his duties due to illness. He asked if Mr. Doheny would be willing to do the job. Mr. Doheny responded we would have to check the Charter, he would be willing to help in the interim but he does have a job that he is not prepared to leave to take on a full time position as First Selectman. The discussion continued briefly. There being no additional business to come before the Board, Mr. Doheny motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm seconded by Mr. Sturtz.